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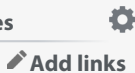
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Channel 5 (British TV channel) programming

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Channel 5 airs a wide variety of programming that covers various genres and themes. The channel is notable for imported programming and is also notable for securing the rights to *Home and Away* in 2001, which helped boost early evening viewing figures for the channel,^[1] and since 2002, the broadcaster has pursued an aggressive acquisition strategy, and has screened several of the highest-rating American dramas, including all four *CSI* series, all three *NCIS* series, the first three *Law & Order* series, (with the first two—*Law & Order* and *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*—later moving to *5USA*), *The Mentalist*, *Grey's Anatomy* (later moved to *Sky Living*), *House* (later moved to *Sky 1*)^[2] and *Prison Break* (later moved to Sky 1). The channel also poached talk show host **Trisha Goddard** from *ITV* to shore up its daytime schedule and *Neighbours* from the **BBC** after a bidding war with other broadcasters.

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Public service [[edit](#)]

Channel 5, as a British public service broadcaster, are required to broadcast a wide variety of programming. As opposed to [Channel 4](#), whose programming remit targets the fringes of society and ranges a variety of cultures, Channel 5's remit is more like [ITV](#)'s. The Channel's remit is laid out in the [Communications Act 2003](#), Section 265 and is regulated by [Ofcom](#). The section states that:

(1)The regulatory regime for every licensed public service channel, and for the public teletext service, includes a condition requiring the provider of the channel or service to fulfil the public service remit for that channel or service.

(2)The public service remit— (a) for every Channel 3 service, and (b) for Channel 5, is the provision of a range of high quality and diverse programming^[3]

As a public service broadcaster, Channel 5 is required to show a quota of news bulletins and educational programmes. Documentaries such as *Hidden Lives, Revealed* and *Extraordinary People* are examples of how the channel has met this criteria. In 2005, Channel 5 acquired the right to the annual *Royal Institution Christmas Lectures*. The channel has also featured some short educational documentary series such as *Your Sport* focusing on sport in local communities.

Early scheduling [[edit](#)]

Upon launch, Channel 5's programming followed a strict schedule with the intention that viewers could tune in and always know what to expect. Major features of the Channel 5's early scheduling structure included daily soap opera *Family Affairs* at 6.30pm, a nightly news broadcast at 8.30pm, presented by *Kirsty Young*. That was followed by a film at 9pm every night and *The Jack Docherty Show*, a comedy chat show. Daytime programmes included *Sunset Beach*, the American soap opera, *Leeza Gibbons*' chat show, *Leeza* and *5 News Early*. Weekend programming included *Night Fever*, a panel show presented by *Suggs* and the fantasy series *Xena: Warrior Princess* and *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*.

Children and teenagers [[edit](#)]

Channel 5's pre-school programming block *Milkshake!* is shown from 06:00 to 09:00 each day. The block has a number of presenters, including *Eddie Mathews* and *Naomi Wilkinson*, and features a range of pre-school programming, including *Fifi and the Flowertots*, *Peppa Pig* and *Hi-5*. Until October 2007, the channel also had a block called *Shake!* at weekends, which was aimed at an older audience. However, Channel 5 then removed the *Shake!* block from its schedules, as *Neighbours* was taking up the Saturday slot.^[4] *Shake!* made a return to the channel on 4 October 2009 every Sunday morning after agreeing a deal with Disney. The block features *Hannah Montana*, *Wizards of Waverly Place* and *Snobs*. It also saw the return of Channel 5's hit teen show *The Tribe*.^[5]

Current programmes [[edit](#)]

- *Abby Hatcher*
- *Becca's Bunch*
- *Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom*
- *Bob the Builder*
- *Butterbean's Café*
- *Daisy and Ollie*
- *The Day Henry Met*
- *Digby Dragon*
- *Fireman Sam*
- *Floogals*^[6]
- *Little Princess*
- *Milkshake! Monkey's Amazing Adventures*
- *Milkshake! Monkey*
- *Mofy*
- *Mya Go*
- *Nella the Princess Knight*
- *Noddy, Toyland Detective*
- *Olly the Little White Van*
- *Paw Patrol*
- *Peppa Pig*
- *Pirata and Capitano*
- *Ricky Zoom*
- *Ryan's Mystery Playdate*
- *Shane the Chef*
- *Shimmer and Shine*
- *Spongebob Squarepants*
- *Sunny Bunnies*
- *Thomas and Friends*
- *Top Wing*
- *Wissper*

Former programmes [[edit](#)]

- *A House That's Just Like Yours*
- *Adventures from the Book of Virtues*
- *The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill*
- *The Adventures of Parsley*
- *The Adventures of Sinbad*
- *The Adventures of Tintin*
- *Alvin and the Chipmunks*
- *Angels of Jarm*
- *Angelina Ballerina: The Next Steps*
- *Atlantis High*
- *Babar*
- *Bananas in Pyjamas*
- *Batman: The Brave and the Bold*^[7]
- *Barney and Friends*
- *Beachcomber Bay*
- *Bear in the Big Blue House*
- *Beast Wars: Transformers*
- *The Beeps*

- *Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures*
- *Beyblade*
- *Big School*
- *Bird Bath*
- *Blaze and the Monster Machines*
- *Blue Water High*
- *The Book of Pooh*
- *Braceface*
- *Bubble Guppies*
- *Captain Pugwash*
- *Castle Farm*
- *Chloe's Closet*
- *Chiro and Friends*
- *City of Friends*
- *Clangers*
- *Dan Dare: Pilot of the Future*
- *Dappledown Farm*
- *Deepwater Black*
- *Demolition Dad*
- *Dig and Dug with Daisy*
- *Don't Blame the Koalas*
- *Dora and Friends: Into the City!*
- *Dragon Booster*
- *Duel Masters*
- *Ebb and Flo*
- *Elmo's World*
- *The Fairly OddParents*
- *The Family Ness*
- *Fat Dog Mendoza*
- *Fifi and the Flowertots*
- *Franklin*
- *Franny's Feet*
- *Funky Valley*
- *Gadget and the Gadetinis*
- *George Shrinks*
- *Gerald McBoing Boing*
- *Gigglebug*
- *Hana's Helpline*
- *Hannah Montana*
- *Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs*
- *Havakazoo*
- *Hi-5 (Australia)*
- *Igam Ogam*
- *Ivor the Engine*
- *James the Cat*
- *Jane and the Dragon*
- *Jay Jay the Jet Plane*
- *Jelly Jamm*
- *Jimbo and the Jetset*
- *Joshua Jones*
- *KaBlam!*^[8]
- *Land of the Lost*
- *Lassie*
- *LazyTown*
- *Lily's Driftwood Bay*
- *Little Charmers*
- *Little Lodgers*
- *Loggerheads*
- *Looney Tunes*
- *The Loud House*
- *Luo Bao Bei*
- *Make Way for Noddy*
- *Max Steel*
- *MechaNick*
- *Mega Babies*
- *Milkbar*
- *The Milkshake! Show*
- *The Milky and Shake Show*
- *Milkshake! Festive Fun*
- *Milkshake! Monkey Bananas About Food*
- *Milkshake! Summer Fun*
- *Milkshake! Bop Box*
- *Milkshake! Music Box*
- *Milkshake! Bopping About*
- *a Milkshake! Christmas*
- *Milkshake! Show Songs*
- *a Milkshake! Summer*
- *Mio Mao*
- *Mirror, Mirror*
- *Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends*
- *Mist: Sheepdog Tales*
- *Molly's Gang*
- *Monkey Makes*
- *Mr. Men and Little Miss*
- *The Mr. Men Show*
- *Muppet Babies*
- *Noddy in Toyland*
- *Noggin the Nog*
- *Oakie Doke*
- *Old Bear Stories*
- *Olive the Ostrich*
- *Olivia*
- *Oswald*
- *PB Bear and Friends*
- *Pepsi Chart*
- *Pingu*

- [Pip Ahoy!](#)
- [Plonsters](#)
- [Pogles' Wood](#)
- [Poppy Cat](#)
- [Popular](#)
- [Postman Pat](#)
- [The Powerpuff Girls](#)
- [Power Rangers](#)
- [Puffin Rock](#)
- [Redwall](#)
- [Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#)^[9]
- [Roary the Racing Car](#)
- [Rolie Polie Olie](#)
- [Roobarb/Roobarb and Custard Too](#)
- [Round the Twist](#)
- [Rubbadubbers](#)
- [Rupert Bear, Follow the Magic...](#)
- [Rusty Rivets](#)
- [Sailor Sid](#)
- [Sandy and Mr. Flapper](#)
- [The Save-Ums!](#)
- [The Secret Life Of Kittens](#)
- [Simon](#)
- [Singled Out](#)
- [Slugterra](#)^[10]
- [Snobs](#)
- [The Softies](#)
- [Stickin' Around](#)
- [Strange Dawn](#)
- [Sunny Day](#)
- [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#)
- [ThunderCats](#)
- [Tickety Toc](#)
- [Tickle, Patch and Friends](#)
- [Titch](#)
- [Toby's Travelling Circus](#)
- [Toot the Tiny Tugboat](#)
- [Tractor Tom](#)
- [The Trap Door](#)
- [The Tribe](#)
- [Tugs](#)
- [USA High](#)
- [The Valley Between](#)
- [Wanda and the Alien](#)
- [What-a-Mess](#)
- [Wil Cwac Cwac](#)
- [Wimzie's House](#)
- [The Wind in the Willows](#)
- [Wishbone](#)
- [Wizards of Waverly Place](#)
- [The Wonder Years](#)
- [The World of Peter Rabbit and Friends](#)
- [The WotWots](#)
- [Zack and Quack](#)

Comedy [\[edit \]](#)

The majority of Channel 5's comedy programming is acquired series from other countries. Numerous American sitcoms are shown on Channel 5, most notably [Friends](#) spin-off series [Joey](#), as well as the first series of [Two and a Half Men](#) and the first two series of [Everybody Hates Chris](#). In 2007, [8 Simple Rules](#) began airing, but was later moved to [Fiver](#). Other sitcoms aired on the channel include:

- [Angelo's](#)
- [Borderline](#)
- [Bring Me The Head of Light Entertainment](#)
- [The Golden Girls](#)
- [Hospital!](#)
- [Hotel!](#)
- [Impractical Jokers UK](#)
- [Suburban Shootout](#)
- [Respectable](#)
- [Swinging](#)
- [That's So Last Week](#)
- [The Jim Tavaré Show](#)
- [The What in The World? Quiz](#)

- *Top Buzzer*
- *We Know Where You Live*
- *Will and Grace* (Moved from [Channel 4](#). Also on [5STAR](#))
- *Friends* (Moved from [E4](#), Also on [Comedy Central \(British TV channel\)](#))

Former [\[edit \]](#)

- *8 Simple Rules*
- *Two and a Half Men*

Comedy is set to make a return to Channel 5 in the form of Impractical Jokers UK, a joint commission alongside Comedy Central UK with a view to also produce a Sketch show and a Sitcom in the future.

Daytime [\[edit \]](#)

Channel 5 has always struggled to make inroads into the daytime TV ratings having tried a variety of magazine formats, quizzes and discussion shows since 1997. In the early days, Channel 5's morning schedules consisted mainly of American imports such as the soaps *The Bold and the Beautiful* and *Sunset Beach*. Between 1998 and 2003, [Gloria Hunniford](#) hosted *Open House with Gloria Hunniford*, an afternoon chat and lifestyle magazine show featuring interviews, cookery and consumer advice.^[11]

On 2 June 2003, [Terry Wogan](#) and [Gaby Roslin](#) joined the channel to host the morning talk show *The Terry and Gaby Show*, which lasted only ten months, as it could not compete with ITV's *This Morning*.^[12] In September 2004, [Trisha Goddard](#) left [ITV Anglia](#) to join Channel 5^[13] in a new programme titled *Trisha Goddard*, which made its debut on 24 January 2005. Similar in style to her old show, it focused on relationships, families in crisis, and reunions. In January 2009, Channel 5 announced it was not renewing her contract for financial reasons.^[14]

Until March 2007, the station screened quiz show *BrainTeaser* which was presented by [Alex Lovell](#). After four and a half years, *BrainTeaser* was withdrawn, following the revelation that production staff were faking winners on the programme's premium rate call-in competition. Other game shows have since been aired in daytime, including a new version of *Going for Gold*^[15] and *Wordplay*.

In February 2008, the station acquired the Australian soap *Neighbours* from [BBC One](#), and moved its lunchtime showing of *Home and Away* to follow *Neighbours*.^[16]

In September 2010, documentary series *Eddie Stobart: Trucks & Trailers* featured haulage firm [Eddie Stobart's](#) Haulage, Rail and Air divisions. The programme followed drivers responsible for delivering diverse orders such as the new pitch at Cardiff's [Millennium Stadium](#), and the lights to be installed at London's famous [Piccadilly Circus](#).

The Vanessa Show presented by [Vanessa Feltz](#) was launched in a morning timeslot in January 2011. Following low ratings, the format was moved to an afternoon slot but the programme was not a success and it was axed in June 2011.^[17]

In 2013, Channel 5 bought the rights to screen [Trisha Goddard's](#) [American version](#) of her former chat show *Trisha Goddard*, which was broadcast on Channel 5 until 2009.^[18] However, due to low viewing figures, the programme is thought to have been pulled from the schedules.

Currently, Channel 5's daytime schedule consists of the flagship programme *Jeremy Vine* with the soaps *Neighbours* and *Home & Away* its main ratings successes. In the afternoons, the channel usually screens American and Canadian TV movies and sometimes US produced mini-series and one-off TV dramas. Its daytime and weekend morning schedules

also contain repeats of documentaries, lifestyle programming and American crime series.

The Wright Stuff [[edit](#)]

Main article: [The Wright Stuff](#)

In 2000, Channel 5 launched its flagship daytime show *The Wright Stuff* presented by [Matthew Wright](#) in which celebrity guests on a panel debate news stories in front of a small audience. In January 2011, *The Wright Stuff* was extended to an hour and 45 minutes from 09:15 to 11:00. From June 2011, the format was extended further with the launch of *The Wright Stuff Extra with Gabby Logan* presented by former [BBC Radio 5 Live](#) host [Gabby Logan](#), however this was later dropped from the schedule, with the main show being extended a further ten minutes, now airing from 09:15 to 11:10.

Jeremy Vine [[edit](#)]

Main article: [Jeremy Vine \(TV programme\)](#)

In 2018, after *The Wright Stuff* had ended after eighteen years, leaving the 09:15 to 11:15 slot available. It was presented by [Jeremy Vine](#). It is the same layout to the previous show but with a different name and host.

Documentaries [[edit](#)]

Channel 5 has broadcast a number of documentaries following the lives of numerous individuals. *The Hotel Inspector* hosted initially by [Ruth Watson](#) and later by [Alex Polizzi](#) is an example of one of the channel's documentaries and is one of the channel's most watched programmes. *The Business Inspector* was a four-part spin-off show presented by [Hilary Devey](#) in 2010 who later moved to become a dragon on the BBC's *Dragon's Den*. In 2011, the channel hosted the latest addition to the 'Inspector' franchise, *The Restaurant Inspector*.

Animal and nature programmes have been a popular element in Channel 5's schedules with a number of series often repeated. These include *Michaela's Zoo Babies*, *Wild Animal ER*, *Animal Rescue Squad*, *Vets in Action* and *Zoo Days*. Older series such as *Nick's Quest* are repeated in the early morning schedules. *Monkey World* aired a new series in 2011 but the emphasis on wildlife and animal rescue programmes has been reduced since 2008. In August 2011, the channel broadcast repeats of *Meerkat Manor* the popular wildlife documentary series first broadcast on BBC TV. In 2012, *Dominic Monaghan's Wild Things* aired, a series that followed British actor Dominic Monaghan travel the globe to find – and then handle – some of the biggest and most dangerous creatures on the planet.

Educational documentaries have also been prominent in Channel 5's schedule, many originally produced for the [Discovery Channel](#). *Highland Emergency* and *How Do They Do It?* are often shown in the 19:30 slot. The 20:00 slot is often filled with male-oriented programmes such as *Ice Road Truckers*, *Police Interceptors*, *Emergency Bikers*, *Revealed* (mystery and archaeology), *Monster Moves*, *Nature Shock* and the *Demolition* series. The documentary series, *Sea Patrol UK* has aired since 2009 and in 2011, the spin-off show, *Royal Navy: Caribbean Patrol* made its début.

From 2002, the channel aired several major documentary series on the arts, architecture, philosophy and religion representing a major shift away from the station's previous down-market image. These included series on the lives of the great artists presented by [Tim Marlow](#) who also presented regular previews of major art exhibitions and a series on [Tate Modern](#). *Divine Designs*, presented by Professor Paul Binski examined religious architecture around the UK with two series. These arts programmes are no longer produced on a regular basis but are often repeated.

Crime series are another established part of the Channel 5 schedule, some repackaged repeats such as *True CSI* and *Forensic Files* and the channel has featured several series on serial killers such as [Fred West](#), [Myra Hindley](#) and [Jack the Ripper](#). In 2012, crime series *Born to Kill?* was screened, which delved into the matter of whether killers such as [Harold Shipman](#) and [Fred West](#) were born to kill. Another crime series titled *Murder Files* was also broadcast in 2012, which focused on several notorious criminal cases such as The Schoolboy Assassin, looking back at how police eventually caught their killer.^[19] *Countdown to Murder* aired in 2013, a unique new crime show that follows a countdown of events that led to the murder of a victim.^[20]

New programming for 2011 included a series titled *Candy Bar Girls* based on the lives of young lesbian women in a bar in London's [Soho](#) district.^[21] 2011 also saw [Justin Lee Collins](#) present *Living in Las Vegas* and *The Restaurant Inspector*, building on the success of *The Hotel Inspector*.^[22] In 2011, Collins also presented the documentary series, *Justin Lee Collins Turning Japanese*. Additionally, the four-part documentary series, *Essex Jungle* aired in Spring 2011 focusing on the world of exotic, often dangerous reptiles living in people's homes.^[23]

In 2012, [Chris Tarrant](#) was presenter to a documentary series titled *Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railways*. Each week, Tarrant took an extreme railway journey, meeting the passengers and people who work on railways which go through extreme environments. Tarrant also delved into the history of these extreme railways and found out how they were built.

In 2013, Channel 5 broadcast *Ben Fogle: New Lives In The Wild*, which followed the presenter as he travelled to meet some of the world's few people who have swapped the usual life for something a little different, such as living in a desert as opposed to living in New York City. The programme regularly ranked among the channel's top ten.^[24] Also in 2013, Channel 5 broadcast *Gibraltar: Britain in the Sun*, a documentary following the life of the residents in the [British Overseas Territory](#) of [Gibraltar](#). The six-part series enjoyed steady ratings, and as a result was recommissioned for a second series which aired shortly afterwards in 2014.

In 2014, the channel pioneered "Supersize Season", which included sets of documentaries each attached to the same theme of supersize people. Documentaries produced within this season included *Saving Britain's Biggest Man*, *Fat For Cash*, *My Gastric Band Ruined My Life*, *Too Fat To Fly*, *Got Thin - Got Fat Again!* and *I Lost Weight and Lost My Husband*.^[25] The use of "seasons" was a common theme during 2014, with *Nazi Season*, a season dedicated to the Nazis, also produced.

In 2017 Channel Five aired two new documentary series - *Secrets of the National Trust* with the anchor host [Alan Titchmarsh](#) and *Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast*

8 O'Clock Heroes (2011) [[edit](#)]

In 2011, the 8:00pm daily weekday documentary slot was given the title "8 O'Clock Heroes" with a stripped content of action-packed documentaries focusing on police, emergency services and other "heroic" deeds. Series included in the strand include [Police Interceptors](#) and *Emergency Bikers*. Other series in the strand include *Supersize Grime*, a fly-on-the-wall documentary series focusing on the world of industrial cleaners from the makers of ITV1's popular [Grimefighters](#) and Sky 1's *Real Filth Fighters*.

Clip & retrospective programming [[edit](#)]

In recent years, the channel emphasises on retrospective clip shows that usually feature celebrity talking heads from stars & critics. These strands include *20 Moments That Rocked...*, *The Best of Bad TV*, *When... Goes Horribly Wrong*, *Most Shocking... Moments*,

Britain's Favourite..., *The... Story and Greatest...* among others. These programmes covers a range of topics from TV bloopers to chocolate bars; where the same limited amount of clips have been used from time to time and they are often renamed in EPGs or TV listings guides.

Drama [[edit](#)]

Homegrown drama [[edit](#)]

Channel 5 has occasionally commissioned its own drama series. In 2004, it commissioned the hit drama *Murder Prevention* which lasted just one series and in 2006, it co-commissioned *Tripping Over* with [Network Ten](#) in Australia. Channel 5 also screened *Perfect Day*, a commissioned British drama, in 2005. The success of this one-off drama led to the commissioning of a prequel and a sequel, *Perfect Day: The Millennium* and *Perfect Day: The Funeral*, which were shown in 2006. In 2009, Channel 5 broadcast a new version of *Minder* starring [Shane Richie](#). Other dramas broadcast include *A Mind to Kill*, *Beyond Fear*, *Wing and a Prayer* and *Urban Gothic*.

Channel 5 returned to homegrown drama in 2013, as they announced the commission of police drama *Evidence*,^[26] which was later re-titled *Suspects*. *Suspects* has proven one of the more successful original dramas that the network has ever produced and has received praise from critics as well, including those writing for [The Guardian](#) and [The Daily Telegraph](#).^[27] Keith Watson, writing for the [Metro](#) newspaper said it had him hooked and rated it four stars out of a possible five.^[28] Jake Wallis Simons said the drama was "unnervingly true to life", calling it sassy and cynical, rating it four stars out of a possible five.^[29] The show stars [Damien Molony](#), [Fay Ripley](#) and [Clare-Hope Ashitey](#), with all three actors receiving critical praise.^[30] Most of the show's dialogue is improvised in order to make it seem natural, the actors have a detailed story document^[31] and perform from there. The first series began on 12 February 2014, airing Wednesdays at 10:00pm. After strong critical praise and a relatively strong number of total viewers, Channel 5 renewed the show for two more series,^[32] which premiered on 20 August 2014 and 13 January 2015 respectively.^[33]

British dramas shown on Channel 5, include:

- *15 Days*
- *A Mind to Kill*
- *Agatha and the Truth of Murder*
- *Beyond Fear*
- *Clink* (commissioned for [5Star](#))
- *Cold Call* (2019)
- *Dark Knight*
- *Deadly Summer*
- *Doomwatch*
- *Hear the Silence*
- *Inquisition*
- *Menace*
- *Minder*
- *Murder Prevention*
- *Perfect Day*
- *Push*
- *Suspects*
- *The Alchemists*

- [Tripping Over](#)
- [Urban Gothic](#)
- [Wing and a Prayer](#)

Australian drama [[edit](#)]

On 29 April 2013, Channel 5 announced that they had acquired the rights to air [Wentworth Prison](#).^[34] The show is a re-imagining of the classic cult drama [Prisoner: Cell Block H](#), a soap that they had shown re-runs of at the turn of the century.^[35] The first season premiered under the title *Wentworth Prison* on 28 August 2013, airing Wednesday nights at 22:00. After strong ratings, Channel 5 purchased the second season^[36] and set a premiere date for 3 September 2014, where the show aired again on Wednesday nights at 22:00.^[37] On 4 January 2014, Channel 5 premiered Australian comedy crime drama series [Mr & Mrs Murder](#), airing the show Saturday nights at around 18:00. The show was pulled from the schedule after three episodes due to poor ratings. [Secrets & Lies](#) began on September 23, 2014, the latest Australian drama to air on Channel 5.^[38] Upon their acquisition of the show, Katie Keenan (Head of Acquisitions) said, "Channel 5 viewers love compelling, character-led drama packed with twists and turns. Secrets & Lies ticks all these boxes. We're thrilled to add it to our 2014 drama line-up."^[39]

Irish drama [[edit](#)]

In February 2013, Channel 5 began broadcasting [Jack Taylor](#), a television crime drama that first aired in Ireland.^[40] In March 2013, Channel 5 announced another acquisition of Irish drama, [Love/Hate](#). In April 2013, it was confirmed that Channel 5 had acquired the rights to the first two seasons of the drama, with plans to air them as one block of episodes later in the year.^[41] A premiere date was later set for 24 July 2013 at 10:00pm.^[42]

U.S. shows [[edit](#)]

Channel 5 shows a large number of American series. These currently include:

Current [[edit](#)]

- [NCIS](#) (2005–present)
- [Person of Interest](#) (2012–present)
- [NCIS: New Orleans](#) (2015–present)
- [CSI: Cyber](#) (2015–present)
- [Impractical Jokers](#) (2016–present)
- [The X-Files](#) (2016–present)
- [Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas](#) (2016–present)

Former [[edit](#)]

- [Angel](#) (moved to [Channel 4](#))
- [Alias](#) (moved to [Sky 1](#))
- [Big Love](#)
- [Body of Proof](#)
- [Boomtown](#)
- [Breaking Bad](#)
- [Buffy the Vampire Slayer](#) (moved to [BBC Two](#))
- [Castle](#) (moved to [5USA](#))
- [Charmed](#) (moved to [Channel 4](#))
- [Coma](#)

- *Criminal Minds* (moved to [Sky Living](#))
- *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* (moved to [5USA](#))
- *CSI: Miami* (moved to [5USA](#))
- *CSI: NY* (moved to [5USA](#))
- *Dallas*
- *Dark Angel* (moved to [Horror Channel](#))
- *Daria*
- *FlashForward*
- *Gotham*^[43] (Moved to [E4](#))
- *Grey's Anatomy* (moved to [Sky Living](#))
- *The Guardian*
- *Hatfields & McCoys*
- *Helix* (moved to [5*](#))
- *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*
- *House* (moved to [Sky 1](#))
- *Killer Instinct*
- *La Femme Nikita*
- *Law & Order* (moved to [5USA](#))
- *Law & Order: Criminal Intent* (moved to [5USA](#))
- *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* (moved to [5USA](#))
- *Lexx*
- *Martial Law*
- *Once Upon a Time* (moved to [Netflix UK](#))
- *Pacific Blue*
- *Poltergeist: The Legacy*
- *Prison Break* (moved to [Sky 1](#))
- *Shark*
- *Stargate Atlantis*
- *Star Trek: Voyager*
- *Sunset Beach*
- *Stephen King's Bag of Bones*
- *The Lyon's Den*
- *The Mentalist* (repeated on [5USA](#) and [5*](#))
- *The Shield* (moved to [5USA](#))
- *The Walking Dead* (moved to [Spike](#))
- *Tut*
- *Under the Dome*
- *Vanished*
- *Xena: Warrior Princess*

Entertainment [[edit](#)]

Channel 5 has screened a variety of entertainment programs. The channel screened game show *Fort Boyard* from October 1998 to December 2001. Channel 5 bought the rights to *Miss World* in 1998 and aired the [beauty pageant](#) for three years (1998–2000). In April 1999, the channel bought the rights to classic game show *It's a Knockout*^[44] and aired two series of the revived show from 3 September 1999 to 6 January 2001. On 20 April 2001, it was announced that a third series would not be produced and that it would be replaced by two new challenge game shows, *The Desert Forges* and *Under Pressure*.^[45]

Between 12 January to 9 December 2001, Channel 5 broadcast two seasons of the popular game show *The Mole* which quickly gained a cult following. In 2003, Channel 5 acquired cult show *Robot Wars*, previously shown on *BBC Two*, though the show ended soon after this.

The evening magazine show *Live from Studio Five* was launched in September 2009 with a strong emphasis on entertainment news.^[46] The show was axed in February 2011 and replaced with *OK! TV* co-hosted by *Kate Walsh* who also presented the former show.^[47] As part of the relaunch of February 2011, Channel 5 commissioned a range of new entertainment programming including *Impossible* with mind-reader Philip Escoffey hosting a gameshow with a jackpot of £40,000.^[22]

Blind Date returned in 2017 on Channel 5. The new series began airing on 17 June 2017 in its usual Saturday night slot and is produced by *So Television* and *Stellify Media*, a firm part-owned by *Sony Pictures Television*.^[48] *Paul O'Grady* presents the revived series.^[49] *Melanie Sykes* became the new voice of the show, taking over the role most famously held by *Graham Skidmore* in the original series.^[50]

In Solitary: The Anti-Social Experiment aired on Channel 5 on 28 August 2017, and is produced by *Stellify Media*. It is an entertainment show that involves three members of the public being locked up in *solitary confinement* for 5 days. *George Lamb* presents and also participates. *Celebs In Solitary* is a celebrity edition of *In Solitary: The Anti-Social Experiment*, in which *Anthea Turner*, *Professor Green*, *Eddie Hall*, and *Shazia Mirza* attempt to spend five days in solitary confinement. Also presented by *George Lamb*.^[51]

Gino's Win Your Wish List is a Channel 5 game show hosted by *Gino D'Acampo*, in which families answer questions to win prizes from their wish list.^[52]

Lifestyle and cookery [edit]

Early evening lifestyle and makeover programmes formed a major part of Channel 5's early schedules and they saw a revival in 2011. Former series include property shows, such as *House Doctor*, presented by *Ann Maurice*, *Build a New Life in the Country* and *How Not to Decorate*, presented by *Colin McAllister* and *Justin Ryan*. Makeover and property shows have declined in Channel 5's schedules but former series such as *House Doctor* and *Housebusters* are often repeated in the daytime and early morning schedules. In 2011, the channel launched new makeover programmes *Garden ER* and *Superior Homes with Kelly Hoppen*. In September 2011, a new cookery show with a focus on healthy eating was launched, *Real Food Family Cook Off* sponsored by *Tesco*.

In 2012, Channel 5 introduced property show *Half Built House*, which was fronted by property guru *Sian Astley*, and focused on *Astley* rescuing homes that have had DIY disasters.^[53] *Best House In The Street*, another property show, also went to air in 2012, and saw *Charlie Luxton* transform a family's home in each episode.^[54]

In 2013, *Great Northern Cookbook* aired, a cookery series following *Sean Wilson* (best known for his role in *Coronation Street*, a Michelin-star chef) as he travels around the North of England, cooking up recipes past and present, exploring the heritage of the towns, completing a series of competitive challenges, and hoping to please the locals.^[55]

Marco Pierre White's Kitchen Wars [edit]

In June 2012, chef *Marco Pierre White* launched his own cookery competition show, comprising seven 60-minute episodes, to find a couple who creates Britain's Best Dining Experience.

The premise of the show from Channel 5 is: *Marco Pierre White uses his exceptional culinary*

eye to find the UK's best restaurant partnerships balancing fabulous food with seamless service. They're fighting for a place in a specially designed studio restaurant, where the top three couples will each be given both their own kitchen and set of diners to impress. It's not just about being a good chef; it's also about having the skills to run the best restaurant. Who will make the cut?

News [[edit](#)]

Main article: [5 News](#)

Channel 5's news service relaunched as *5 News* on 14 February 2011.

Participation television [[edit](#)]

Quiz Call was broadcast simultaneously on Five, Fiver and Five USA on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights between around 00:00 and 04:00/04:30. The phone-in quiz show invites viewers to play along for a chance to win cash prizes in return for solving on-screen puzzles. Entrants must be aged eighteen or over to participate and each call and SMS text is charged whether an entrant successfully gets through to the show or not. Quiz Call ended its programming on Five when the channel signed with NetPlayTV to air its **Live Roulette** programming from midnight to 04:00 - 7 nights a week. This marked the first time a channel had aired a roulette related show in British television history. Currently named **SuperCasino**, it was one of the two remaining roulette shows on television, along with **Jackpot247** which is also produced by NetPlayTV and broadcast on **ITV**. SuperCasino ended on the channel during the early hours of 1 January 2019. A new roulette show called 21.co.uk has been broadcasting on the channel from 21 May 2019.

Reality television [[edit](#)]

Channel 5 has a history of broadcasting reality TV shows. Shows broadcast include a UK version of *The Mole*, to which the channel acquired the format rights, and which was well received: the website [UKGameshows.com](#) announced that *The Mole* beat *The Crystal Maze* to win its first reader poll to find the best UK gameshow of all time. There was also a series of *Touch the Truck* and *Jailbreak*, however these were less successful.

In 2004, the channel hosted the "ultimate" reality show, *Back to Reality* featuring contestants from a variety of reality shows under one roof. Despite high hopes, the series failed to gain a large audience. Another programme broadcast was *Make Me a Supermodel*, a reality show in which contestants try to win a contract with the Select Modelling Agency. The format lasted two series, and the second series was also featured on **5***.

The winner of *Big Brother 11* and Channel 5's *OK! TV* reporter **Josie Gibson** was given her own 3-part reality show, *There's Something About Josie* which aired in May 2011.^[56]

10,000 BC [[edit](#)]

Main article: [10,000 BC \(TV show\)](#)

The survival show **10,000 BC** debuted in February 2015. The show is a joint production of Channel 5 and **MTV**.^[57]

The social experiment series follows 20 contestants from across Great Britain, ranging in age from 20 to 65, as they go back to the conditions of the **Stone Age** and try to survive two months in the wilderness.^[58]

Celebrity Super Spa [[edit](#)]

Main article: [Celebrity Super Spa](#)

On 17 June 2013, Channel 5 announced that they had commissioned a new reality television show that will follow six celebrities working in a spa based in Liverpool, where they will be taught to pamper, preen and pluck by Herbert Howe, a man with fifty years experience in the hair and beauty industry. The show is expected to be broadcast later in the year.^[59]

The Bachelor [[edit](#)]

Main article: [The Bachelor \(UK TV series\)](#)

On 14 June 2011, Channel 5 made the announcement that they will now air the British version of *The Bachelor*, a spin-off of the popular American reality series, *The Bachelor*. The British version had previously been broadcast on BBC Three.

In the first series to air on Channel 5 (Series 4), the role of the bachelor was by rugby star and former *Strictly Come Dancing* contestant [Gavin Henson](#). In the second series to air on Channel 5 (Series 5), the role of the bachelor was by [Spencer Matthews](#), star of the E4 reality TV series *Made in Chelsea*.

Big Brother and Celebrity Big Brother [[edit](#)]

Main articles: [Big Brother \(UK TV series\)](#) and [Celebrity Big Brother \(UK TV series\)](#)

On 6 April 2011, it was confirmed that Channel 5 had signed a £200 million contract with media company [Endemol](#) to screen former [Channel 4](#) reality show *Big Brother* for 2 years.^[60] The series returned at 9pm on 18 August 2011 with *Celebrity Big Brother* 8. Series 1 of *Celebrity Big Brother* on Channel 5 kicked off with the entry of housemates including reality show regulars [Kerry Katona](#), [Amy Childs](#) and [Jedward](#). It was followed in September by the twelfth series of the show.

[Brian Dowling](#) signed up to be main presenter of the show following the move to Channel 5, whilst [Emma Willis](#) became the host of the new spin-off discussion show, *Big Brother's Bit on the Side*. From *Big Brother* 2013 Emma Willis is the main presenter.

On 14 September 2018, it was confirmed that both *Big Brother* and *Celebrity Big Brother* had been axed by Channel 5. The final series of *Celebrity Big Brother* was won by [Ryan Thomas](#) on 10 September 2018 with the final series of *Big Brother* launching four days later on 14 September 2018, ending after 53 days on 5 November 2018.

In total *Big Brother* and *Celebrity Big Brother* aired twenty-three series on Channel 5 between 2011–2018, with 8 regular and 15 celebrity series respectively.

The Farm [[edit](#)]

The Farm was Channel 5's version of the international TV format *The Farm*. It had a series of celebrities appearing on it during its two series run and did attract some controversy. Channel 5 cancelled *The Farm* following series two in 2005, and no plans have been made for the UK series to be brought back.

Soaps [[edit](#)]

Family Affairs [[edit](#)]

When Channel 5 launched in 1997, the staple of its earlier programming was the channel's newly commissioned soap, *Family Affairs*. The soap continued throughout the Channel's life until it was dropped on 30 December 2005 due to poor ratings.^[61]

Acquired soap operas [[edit](#)]

Channel 5 has screened a number of acquired soap operas. Every episode of the cult

Australian soap *Prisoner Cell Block H* was aired between April 1997 and 11 February 2001 and they also showed another classic Aussie soap *Sons and Daughters*, (which like *Prisoner Cell Block H* had also been previously shown on *ITV* in the 1980s and early 1990s) running the entire series between March 1998 and 6 November 2005.

In addition, the channel showed two popular American soap operas *Sunset Beach* and *The Bold and the Beautiful* every weekday morning. After the end of *Sunset Beach* in 1999, the remaining episodes were screened until early 2000. The channel replaced it with another soap opera popular in America *Days of Our Lives*, though after poor ratings it removed both soaps from weekday morning schedules in 2002.

The entire run of futuristic New Zealand teenage drama series *The Tribe* was shown from 1999 to 2003. Channel 5 also acquired the rerun rights to the BBC and *Network Ten* serial drama *Out of the Blue*, which were screened from 2009 on Channel 5's digital counterpart, *5**.

Neighbours [[edit](#)]

On 18 May 2007, Channel 5 acquired the rights to Australian soap opera *Neighbours*, previously screened on *BBC One*.^[62] This was the second time UK networks had fought over an Australian soap, with Channel 5 having previously competed over broadcast rights to *Home and Away*.^[63]

Neighbours is one of Channel 5's most popular programmes, and is in fact more popular in the United Kingdom than in its home country of Australia.

Home and Away [[edit](#)]

Channel 5 regularly screens *Home and Away* along with its fellow Australian soap, *Neighbours*.

Sport [[edit](#)]

American Sport [[edit](#)]

Until 2010 late-night sports programming had been a feature of the channel since its original launch, especially focusing on live or short-delay coverage of major North American sports. Most notably, the channel covered *Major League Baseball* games, both regular season and playoffs since its first night on air. After the conclusion of *Family Affairs*, *Five's MLB baseball coverage* was the longest and continuously run programme on the channel. *Jonathan Gould* was the host, with former Great Britain national team player *Josh Chetwynd* as the in-studio analyst. Due to the *Global recession of 2008-09*, the channel did not renew its contract to show Major League Baseball in 2009. This left no Baseball available on free to air television in the UK, though Gould, Chetwynd and their producer Erik Janssen continued to broadcast baseball coverage on the digital radio station *BBC 5 Live Sports Extra*.

Until 2004, Channel 5 also covered the regular season and *Stanley Cup* playoffs of the *National Hockey League*; following *the lost 2004–05 season*, the primary broadcast rights passed to *NASN*. However, since 2006-07, Five has relaunched its coverage with a weekly NHL game on short-delay along with highlights of other action from around the league. After the end of the *2009 Stanley Cup Finals*, which had been reduced to edited highlights and shunted to a timeslot after 04:00, and the NHL did not return to the channel.

Channel 5 also acquired *American football* and *basketball* coverage in the wake of *Channel 4* dropping them. In 2007, the channel renewed its NFL coverage with a two-year deal to screen *Monday Night Football* and *NBC Sunday Night Football* live (the latter coverage began once the MLB Playoffs and *World Series* ended). *Nat Coombs* hosted and

Mike Carlson, a former college-football player, was the studio analyst, with game commentary taken from the American broadcasters. In 2009, Channel 5 dropped the Monday night game and only broadcast the Sunday night game for the 2009-10 season, with a Saturday morning magazine programme called **NFL UK** showing highlights and previews of the coming weekend's games. Channel 5 decided not to renew its contract with the NFL for the 2010-11 season, and the sport returned to its original home on UK television, **Channel 4** which had shown the sport since the channel's launch in 1982 until 1997. Coombs followed Jonny Gould and Josh Chetwynd to cover the sport on 5 Live Sports Extra, while Carlson hooked up as analyst on Channel 4 with **Gary Imlach**, and on BBC One alongside **Jake Humphrey** for their coverage of the **NFL International Series** held at Wembley, the playoffs and **Super Bowl**.

The Channel also showed Basketball, with the hosts **Mark Webster** and Andre Alleyne, who took over as analyst from British former NBA star **John Amaechi**. It generally followed the model of the channel's NHL coverage, a single midweek game either live or on short-delay, plus a review of the previous week's action. Sport coverage has included forays into the **NCAA** scene, notably the **Rose Bowl** and the NCAA Basketball Tournament. On 18 February 2008, Five showed full live coverage of the **NBA All-Star Game**. Along with all the other sports dropped by the channel, the NBA coverage followed suit - the last game screened was the **Los Angeles Lakers'** Game 5 win over the **Orlando Magic** to take the 2009 NBA title.

Football [edit]

Until 2012 Channel 5 showed a mix of European and international club football, notably weekly matches or highlights from the Dutch **Eredivisie**, Portugal's **SuperLiga**, **Primera División Argentina** and **Copa Libertadores** from South America. They acquired exclusive live rights to the Italian **Serie A** 2007/08 season, but lost them for the following season. For many years Channel 5 showed live matches from the **UEFA Europa League** and when the package was centralised Channel 5 became the principal rights holder, sharing coverage of the group stages with **ITV Sport** and **ESPN**.^[64] Channel 5 also held UK rights for the Europa League Final.^[65] The channel showed the **2008 FIFA Club World Championship**. In 2007, the channel resumed coverage of **Major League Soccer** (MLS) with a match between **Toronto FC** and **Los Angeles Galaxy** on 4 August 2007; the match was expected to be **David Beckham**'s competitive debut as a Galaxy player. In the past, the channel has shown other MLS matches on tape delay or as highlights, generally in the same manner as its coverage of European domestic leagues (excluding Serie A). MLS coverage used to include **David Beckham's Soccer USA**, a show presented by **Tim Lovejoy** on Wednesdays at 19:15 during the season to show highlights of the week's matches, funny moments and also interviews with Beckham on his latest match. Other guests made appearances from time-to-time. Channel 5 stopped showing live football after the 2012 Europa League Final with ITV taking over as main broadcaster of the Europa League. From 2012-2015 Channel 5 showed no football but this changed when they got the rights to the Football League, they show highlights from 9.00pm-10.30pm on Saturday nights from the EFL Championship, League One & League Two as well as highlights from the EFL Cup and EFL Trophy for 3 years from 2015-2018. The programme was presented by George Riley and Kelly Cates in the first season, Lindsay Hipgrave replaced Cates in the second season and Colin Murray returned to Channel 5 for the 2017-18 season as sole presenter with Caroline Barker also featuring in the studio and as a stand in presenter. On 2 May 2016, Channel 5 showed a football legends match between England and Germany live.^[66] Channel 5 lost the highlights to the EFL in 2018 by going to Quest. Quest continue to show EFL highlights at 9pm on a Saturday night with a repeat on Sunday morning, Colin Murray moved to Quest to continue showing the highlights.

Cricket [[edit](#)]

In 2006, Channel 5 began highlights coverage of all of [England's Test](#) and [limited overs cricket](#) home matches. This followed a period of success for [England](#) and when the exclusive live rights to home matches were awarded to [Sky Sports](#), Channel 5 was a surprise choice to pick up the highlights in the light of [Channel 4's](#) respected coverage and the BBC's previous interest.^[67] Prior to Channel 4, the BBC had long held the rights and Channel 5 were newcomers to cricket, but the coverage has taken up where Channel 4 left off in its coverage (with the help of production company [Sunset + Vine](#)). The show also secured former Channel 4 commentators such as [Simon Hughes](#), [Geoffrey Boycott](#) and the anchor of Channel 4's coverage [Mark Nicholas](#) to offer expert analysis on the day's play.^[68] [Cricket on 5](#) (which shows daily highlights of England's matches) is broadcast at 19:00 (or midnight for [day/night cricket](#)), with highlights extended to an hour from the previous 45 minutes for the 2011 season. The theme tune as of May 2011 is entitled "The Time is Now", performed by [Russ Ballard](#).^[69] Channel 5 coverage continued with the only major change being the replacement of Simon Hughes in 2018 with Alison Mitchell but Cricket on 5 ended in September 2019 with the conclusion of the 2019 Ashes, BBC Sport won the rights to be the Free to Air partner for ECB Cricket from 2020-2024 covering all England Men & Women's Tests, ODI & T20 highlights as well as selected live T20 England International matches and the new Hundred competition. Channel 5 signed off with a thanks from the team and from Joe Root after 13 years, the end of the highlights could mean the end of Sunset & Vine cricket coverage after 20 years with Channel 4 & Channel 5 and could also mean the end of Mark Nicholas career in England after 20 years.

Boxing [[edit](#)]

Channel 5 cover occasional boxing matches following a deal with [Hennessy Sports](#). Coverage is presented by [Mark Pougatch](#) and [Paul Dempsey](#) with punditry from former boxers such as [Alex Arthur](#). Commentary comes from [Dave Farrar](#) and [Richie Woodhall](#) and have shown fights featuring Josh Taylor, George Groves, Carl Frampton and Tyson Fury. Usually the main bout is shown on Channel 5 and the undercard on Spike.

Motor Sport [[edit](#)]

The channel has also covered motor sports, most notably [MotoGP](#) from 2000 to 2002 showing every race live before rights were snapped up by [BBC Sport](#), these rights returned in 2017 albeit as highlights with this being broadcast from 7pm-8pm the Monday after a race weekend. Channel 5 held rights to show weekly highlights from the [NASCAR Sprint Cup Series](#) and the [IndyCar Series](#), although this was beset by cancellations, inaccurate scheduling and technical difficulties. The channel held right to broadcast highlights from the [A1 Grand Prix](#) series.^[70] As of 2010, most of their motor sport coverage, including NASCAR, IndyCars, V8 Supercars, Rolex Grand-Am Series and NHRA drag racing has been discontinued. In 2017, Channel 5 announced they had signed a two-year deal with MotoGP and BT Sport for the free to air rights. They also cover World Rally on Monday at 7pm following a race weekend also broadcasting part of the Wales Rally GB Live. On 4 September 2016, it was announced that Channel 5 had acquired the UK broadcasting rights to [Formula E](#) from the [2016–17 season](#) onwards following Formula E's termination of its contract with [ITV](#).^[71] From round three live studio coverage was added with the former [ITV](#) team of Andy Jayed and ex-former F1 / Formula E driver [Jaime Alguersuari](#), while commentary comes from the world feed from BBC F1's Jack Nicholls and [Dario Franchitti](#), with [Nicki Shields](#) as the pit lane reporter. For rounds one and two [Martin Haven](#) stood in for Nicholls.

Channel 5 lost the rights to the coverage for the [2018–19 season](#) to BBC, Quest, and BT

Sport, and MotoGP highlights from the [2019 season](#) to Quest.

Wrestling [\[edit \]](#)

For a brief time, Channel 5 showed [professional wrestling](#) in the form of the [WCW Worldwide](#) show between Summer 1999 and March 2001 on Friday nights at 7pm, when the company was purchased by [World Wrestling Entertainment](#), and ceased to produce any more shows. Channel 5 returned to covering wrestling in 2018 when Spike bought the rights to cover impact wrestling and this is shown on Friday night at 11pm. From February 2nd, Channel 5 will air [WWE Raw](#) and [WWE Smackdown](#) 1-hour highlights, Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30am.^[72]

Rugby Union [\[edit \]](#)

On 4 May, 2017 it was announced that Channel 5 would broadcast up to five live [Premiership Rugby](#) games for the first time on terrestrial TV for the next four seasons alongside main broadcaster [BT Sport](#). The new deal also sees them broadcast a weekly highlights show of both the premiership and the [Premiership Rugby Cup](#) previously shown by ITV.^[73] After the demise of the BBC's *Rugby Special* programme, Channel 5 previously briefly showed free-to-air highlights of English Premiership Rugby during 2000, though these later transferred to [Channel 4](#) for a short time and then subsequently to [ITV](#). Aviva Premiership coverage is presented by former ITV duo [David Flatman](#) & [Mark Durden-Smith](#) with Flatman also providing commentary alongside [Conor McNamara](#) or Mark Robson and [Paul Grayson](#). British Hockey Olympic gold medalist [Sam Quek](#) acts as pitch side reporter and completes Channel 5's team

Previously, Channel 5 picked up the rights in 1997 to England v Argentina (shown on the same night as the England football team's World Cup qualifier against Poland). They also broadcast a live match between [Scotland](#) and invitation side [Barbarians](#) in 2000.

Golf [\[edit \]](#)

Golf coverage consists of weekly highlights from the [PGA Tour](#), excluding majors.

Athletics [\[edit \]](#)

Channel 5 broadcasts live coverage of the [Great South Run](#) and a few other marathons a 10-mile road race held in [Portsmouth](#) in October.

Mixed Martial Arts [\[edit \]](#)

In 2009, Channel 5 signed a deal to broadcast highlights of the [Ultimate Fighting Championship](#) (UFC) on terrestrial television in the UK.^[74] In 2015, Channel 5 picked up highlights of every [BAMMA](#) event.

Others [\[edit \]](#)

Channel 5 also screened [World's Strongest Man](#) between 2006-2009, and from 2011 to present.

Current sports rights [\[edit \]](#)

Rugby Union

- Premiership Rugby (5 Live Matches & Highlights)
- Premiership Rugby 7s Highlights

Cricket

- England Test Match Highlights

- England One Day International Highlights
- England Twenty20 International Highlights
- Big Bash League (5 Live Matches & Highlights)

Motorsport

- MotoGP Highlights
- World Rally Championship Highlights
- Wales Rally GB Live
- Formula E Live (Qualifying on Spike & Live Race on Channel 5)

Boxing

- Cyclone Promotions & Hennessey Sports Live on Channel 5

Mixed Martial Arts

- **Bellator**: Live & Highlights on Spike TV and Channel 5
- **BAMMA**: Live on Spike TV and Channel 5

Athletics

- **Great Birmingham Run**: Live on Channel 5
- **Great South Run**: Live on Channel 5
- Great Birmingham 10k: Live on Channel 5

Controversy [[edit](#)]

Adult entertainment [[edit](#)]

In 1998, the channel began to show more risqué late-night programmes such as *Compromising Situations*, *Hotline* and the controversially explicit *Sex and Shopping*. In 1999, there was a large increase in adult entertainment shown on the channel, including *UK Raw* and *Red Shoe Diaries*, giving the channel a reputation for being home to hours of pornography.^[75] Adult entertainment, live football, and the 21:00 films were the main source of viewing for the channel at the time.^[76] As the broadcaster entered the 2000s, changes were made to address this problem. The level of adult entertainment was scaled back, and reality shows such as *Naked Jungle* and *The Mole* proved popular. However, other reality shows such as *Touch the Truck* and *Jailbreak* were less successful.

The Farm [[edit](#)]

The channel attracted some controversy for its reality series *The Farm* in 2004 and 2005.^[77] The show, which revolved around celebrities working on a farm, saw **Rebecca Loos** masturbating a pig in order to collect semen.^[78]

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